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SIGNATURE OF FINAL ACT BY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

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1. APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, WHICH WERE DELAYED IN
TRANSMISSION AND ARRIVED ONLY LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 7, ALL
EFFORTS DURING NEGOTIATIONS AMONG REGIONAL GROUPS TO PRE-
VENT SIGNATURE OF FINAL ACT BY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (NLMS)
HAVE FAILED, AND IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT NLMS WILL BE PERMITTED
TO SIGN FINAL ACT. AT PLENARY MEETING JUNE 8 ISRAELI
DELEGATE WILL REQUEST VOTE ON THAT PART OF DRAFT FINAL ACT
PERMITTING NLM SIGNATURE. USDEL WILL, OF COURSE, JOIN ISRAELI
DELEGATE IN VOTING AGAINST IT, BUT WE SHALL HAVE VERY LITTLE
SUPPORT AND OUTCOME IS CERTAIN.

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2. FINAL ACT WILL PROVIDE FOR SIGNATURE BY NLMS ON
SEPARATE PAGE HEADED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE:NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE REGIONAL INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED AND INVITED BY
THE CONFERENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS WORK. END QUOTE.
THERE WILL BE FOOTNOTE AT BOTTOM OF PAGE, READING AS

FOLLOWS: QUOTE: IN VIEW OF THE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING BROAD PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH IS OF A FUNDAMENTALLY HUMANITARIAN NATURE AND BECAUSE THE PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS IS A UNIVERSAL TASK IN WHICH THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS CAN CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SIGNATURE OF THESE MOVEMENTS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER CONFERENCES. UNQUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING, FOR REVIEW BY DEPARTMENT, IS TEXT OF STATEMENT OF RESERVATION USDEL PROPOSES TO MAKE ON JUNE 8 WHEN DRAFT FINAL ACT IS ADOPTED BY PLENARY. QUOTE: SIGNATURE OF THIS FINAL ACT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD AS IMPLYING ANY RECOGNITION OF OTHER SIGNATORIES IN CASES WHERE SUCH RECOGNITION HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN GRANTED. WITH RESPECT TO SIGNATURE BY SEVERAL NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH WERE INVITED IN 1974 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE, MY DELEGATION NOTES THAT THESE SIGNATURES REFLECT THEIR UNIQUE ROLE IN THIS CONFERENCE, A ROLE THAT WAS MADE POSSIBLE SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE FUNDAMENTALLY HUMANITARIAN AND UNIVERSAL NATURE OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE. NEITHER THE PARTICIPATION OF THESE MOVEMENTS IN THE CONFERENCE NOR THEIR SIGNATURE OF THE FINAL ACT CONSTITUTES A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER CONFERENCES. WE ALSO NOTE THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WILL NOT, OF COURSE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE ELIGIBLE TO SIGN THE PROTOCOLS, AS THESE ARE OPEN FOR SIGNATURE ONLY BY PARTIES TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949. UNQUOTE.

4. USDEL WOULD NOT, REPEAT, NOT THINK IT NECESSARY TO REPEAT THAT STATEMENT AT TIME OF SIGNATURE OF FINAL ACT ON JUNE 10, AS IT WILL BE IN SUMMARY RECORD FOR THE 8TH. HOWEVER, IF DEPARTMENT WISHES STATEMENT REPEATED AT TIME OF SIGNATURE, WE COULD HAND IT IN WRITING TO SECRETARIAT AT TIME OF SIGNATURE.

5. ISRAELI DELEGATE REQUESTED THAT WE CONSIDER ADDING TO TEXT OF RESERVATION STATEMENT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO PLO, STATING THAT WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE IT. USDEL DECLINED ON GROUNDS THAT BROADER STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE IS ADEQUATE AND WILL AVOID UNNECESSARY POLITICIZATION. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES ANYTHING SPECIFIC SAID ABOUT PLO, PLEASE ADVISE.

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